

**CALHOUN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
COUGAR CONNECTION**

September 8, 2023

MISSION STATEMENT

Calhoun Christian School provides academic excellence while upholding God's truth and challenging children to serve.

VISION STATEMENT

Calhoun Christian School will be the benchmark of excellence in Christ-centered education.

SUBS

Are you or someone you know looking for a part time gig? Looking for a great work environment and guaranteed summers off? We are in need of substitute teachers. Please send cover letters and resumes to jerilyn.belote@calhounchristian.org.

IMPORTANT!!! PICK UP PROCEDURES

Parents: Just as a reminder, Pick up time for preschool is 2:40, Middle school is 2:50. It is important to be on time due to staggered dismissals.

Middle school parents will be asked to circle around if they arrive early, allowing preschoolers to safely get into their cars first. For everyone's safety, please do not get out of line and drive around any stopped cars ahead of you in the pick up line. The pick up line is one lane, one way.

Preschool parents: to ease congestion, your children will be brought straight out of the Preschool doors, remain in line until you pull up or walk up to get them (using the designated cross walk). We will no longer be walking over and lining up against the wall by the gym. Your promptness in picking up at 2:40 is greatly appreciated.

LEGO CLUB/ROBOTICS NEWS

Clubs start on Tuesday, September 12.

- Grades 1-3 Explore Group: meet in Mrs. Rome's room from 2:45-3:30. Dismissal out front.
- Grades 4-6 Challenge Group: meet in Mr. Rome's room from 3:00-4:30. Information will be given about the upcoming competition and future meeting times. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Grades 7-12 Robotics: If you are interested in joining the club, please meet with Mr. Rome.

HARVEST PARTY

Join us for an amazing time of fellowship with your CCS family September 15 at 6 pm at Fish Farm Ministries. The address is 14510 S M 37 Highway Battle Creek, MI 49017. Plates, utensils, cups and drink will be provided. Bring your own lawn chairs. Come ready to fellowship, enjoy a bonfire, volleyball, kickball, 9 square and more. Should it rain we will change the date to September 22.

Suggested dishes:

- PK-3rd grade: Main dish

- 4th-8th grade: Side dish
- 9th-12th grade: Dessert

PIT CREW

The PIT Crew is the Parent Involvement Team at Calhoun Christian School. Interested in learning more about the PIT Crew? This is a great way to get connected and serve our awesome school community! Contact Amy Asma at 269-967-6777 or amykool87@gmail.com with any questions.

*****NEW*** SPORTS LINK**

The Calhoun Christian School Athletic Department is excited to announce the introduction of online streaming of games in the gymnasium. In partnership with Pixellot, NHFS, and the MHSAA, we will be broadcasting live streaming of all home games. This is a streaming service, so like any other streaming service, there is a monthly cost. Please see the link below that will take you to the website to begin the process of purchasing the subscription and watching Cougar sports from the comfort of your living room, vehicle or island of your choice!

Along with this service, we have partnered with VIDSWAP, a company that works closely with Pixellot and NHFS, to provide video breakdown and statistics to our varsity teams. Each student will have access to the games and the breakdowns, much like they did with HUDL, only a lot cheaper, and hopefully, a better product.

Thank you for all your support. Once again, the link below will take you to the site to start the streaming process.

NFHS Network page: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/ab3b0d8f63>

SPORTS PASSES

Sports passes are now available for purchase in the office. See below for what is offered.

- Blue Card- Family Pass \$200: *Family unit living in the same house to free admission to any home game in any sport.*
- Orange Card- Couple Pass \$150: *Cardholder and one guest admission to any home game in any sport*
- White Card-Single Pass \$100: *cardholder admission to any home game in any sport. Horizontal white card is for current students for a discount of \$50.*

BOY'S VOLLEYBALL INFO

See this [flyer](#) for more information on this fun sport! CCS earned Battle Creek's first Boys Volleyball District Championship!

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

September 15 is school picture day. You may order using the form that will be coming home with your student soon. You may also follow this link for more info and ordering.

<https://craft.orderschoolpix.com/58956>

OCTOBER HOT LUNCH IS OPEN FOR ORDERING: Hot lunch preorders are open for the month of October, from September 1 – 19 (no orders can be accepted after Sept 19, FYI). If you would like to purchase hot lunch for your child, please [follow these directions](#) to place your order. Our [Family Portal](#) can be accessed via our website – click on the **Parent** tab, then **FACTS Family Portal**. If you have a

free/reduced lunch, you still need to place an order by Sept 19 to receive hot lunch in October. If you need to apply for free/reduced lunch, the application is [here](#), and Lakeview's full lunch menu can be viewed [here](#). Contact Michelle Wilson with any questions.

BOX TOPS

Wanna help the school get new stuff for the kids? Download the Box Top [app](#), select Calhoun Christian School, scan your receipts. It is that easy! You may also bring your receipts into the office. All **receipts** [not physical box tops] must be scanned within 14 days to earn credit. Thanks in advance!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lunch Program: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-lunch1>

Popcorn and Pickle Friday's: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A8AD23A6F49-popcorn3>

*******St Joe volunteers**- we co-op with St Joe on several sports such as cross country, MS football and baseball. We would love to have a good representation from CCS parents at the games to volunteer. Please contact Katy Arnsen at St. Joe Middle School at 269-963-4935 or email karnson@bcacs.org *****

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

Calhoun Christian School presents "**Christmas Around the World**" on *December 8, 2023; 6 pm – 8 pm*. This will be an open house style. Students will perform in the gym at various times. Guests will receive a passport and will be able to visit different regions of the world. Middle and High School students will be displaying their country reports.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Diane.rome@calhounchristian.org or Ginger.eckhart@calhounchristian.org

ROBOTICS CLUB

Michigan is known for its beautiful lakes and large sandy dunes. Beach glass is created when turbulent waves combine with coarse sand to create a natural rock tumbling effect. The resulting product is a mixture of wonderfully polished glass, soft stones, and colorful shells - all items we will be utilizing to create an eye-catching beach glass wall hanging that is the perfect addition to any Michigander's home. Fifty-five dollars includes step by step instruction, frame, beach glass, and all other necessary materials. Choose from over 20 designs! A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the Calhoun Christian High School Robotics team. Finished products measure 15 by 12 inches. Concessions will be available at the venue. Let's get the creative juices flowing!

This event will be hosted and instructed by Vinny, aka 'The Richard Simmons of The Crafting World'. He is sure to keep things humorous and entertaining!

Seats will fill fast! Advance registration required. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beach-glass-windows-battle-creek-tickets-629183303197?fbclid=IwAR2NXM1PpGALfXlUCXUGIEpROGnToVHKxuvrVauLZs53tHPsGQRkmaKxbhw>

SCHOOL CALENDAR

09/15: School Pictures

09/15: Harvest Party

10/09-11: Evening Mid Quarter PT Conferences

10/10: Middle School Parent Meeting

10/12: Teacher PD: NO SCHOOL

10/13: Teacher PD: NO SCHOOL

10/20: End of 1st Quarter

10/27: School Picture Retakes
11/22 Grandparent's Day; Early dismissal 11:30 am
11/23-24: Thanksgiving Break
12/08: Christmas Around the World
12/08: Early dismissal 11:30 am
12/18-12/20: FINALS Early dismissal 11:30 am for MS & HS
12/22: End of 2nd Quarter; Early dismissal 11:30 am for ALL
12/25-01/07: CHRISTMAS BREAK
01/08: SCHOOL RESUMES

SPORTS CALENDAR

09/09: Varsity Girl's Volleyball @Zion Christian – Tournament 9 am
09/09: MS Girl's XC @ Riverside Elementary 1 pm
09/09: MS Boy's XC @ Riverside Elementary 1:30 pm
09/11: Varsity Boy's Soccer vs Heritage Christian 5 pm
09/12: Middle School Girl's Volleyball @ Howardsville Christian 5 pm
09/12: Varsity Women's Volleyball @ Howardsville Christian 6:30 pm
09/13: Middle School Cross Country @ Pittsford 4 pm
09/14: Middle School Girl's Volleyball @ Marlee 5 pm
09/14: Varsity Boy's Soccer @ Kalamazoo Cougars 5:30 pm
09/14: Varsity Women's Volleyball vs Climax Scotts 6 pm
09/19: Middle School Girl's Volleyball vs Factoryville 5 pm
09/19: Varsity Boy's Soccer vs Factoryville 5 pm
09/19: Varsity Women's Volleyball vs Factoryville 6:30 pm
09/20: Middle School Football vs Bellevue 5 pm
09/21: Middle School Girl's Volleyball vs Kalamazoo Cougars 5 pm
09/22: Varsity Boy's Soccer vs Howardsville Christian 5 pm